Fort Riley

Free tickets

Free tickets for the premier of "The Rookie" are available today at the Post Exchange from 11 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m. Although the movie is free to the public, tickets are required.

The movie will be shown Saturday at 2 p.m. in Normandy Theater. For a complete movie

schedule, go to page 14.

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respond to a protest.

Members of the 1st BCT Quick Response Team rush BCT Quick Response into position as they respond to a simulated violent protest outside the gate.

Civil Affairs Civilians challenge soldier presence

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - Sometimes in war the hardest victories are fought not on any military battlefield, but in the hearts and minds of the native population.

At the National Training Center, the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mech) was put to the test by the people of Mojavia. At stake was their very presence in the country.

Civil Affairs ensures that problems with the local population are kept at a minimum.

We handle anything that has to do with civilians on the battlefield and may cause any problems with

the commander completing his mission," said SSgt. Donald David, 415th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Civil Affairs cultivates relationships with the local population and leadership in the area. During their first week at NTC, the task force commander met with leaders and addressed their concerns. In addition, the 1st Brigade Combat Team encountered a number of incidents with local citizenry that could have affected their conditions in the Dust Bowl. In one incident, a soldier treated a Mojavian who had passed out in front of the gate. Other incidents are not as friendly.

"Sometimes we're on the negative side of things and we run into a town where we have to arrest someone in the town and sometimes that will put the town against us," said David.

The Devil Brigade experienced a violent protest

the day before they deployed to the engagement area. A peaceful protest outside the fence line turned violent, as the protesters first shoved soldiers trapped outside. As the rioters moved onto the next gate, a Mojavian collapsed amid the sound of a gunshot. The unit made a number of tough choices in order to maintain the welfare of the soldiers as well as maintain the goodwill of the citizenry. In the end, medics treated the civilian wounded after the protest broke up, protecting them from an unruly crowd. The work they did not only saved a life but the goodwill generated helped them gain information on the People's Parumpian Guard from a relative of the injured Moja-

The encounters do not end when the brigade heads out for battle.

"They go to the Tactical Operations Center looking for food and we get them right out of there," said Spec. Nicholas Funk, 415th Civil Affairs Bn. Funk said they try to help the natives by providing them contact information to the Red Cross and other relief organizations so they can receive some sort of assistance that the Army cannot provide.

We have a whole host of networks from the International Red Cross to Feed the Children which we have a lot of contact with so that whenever we have a situation in a country we try to find out who is there so that we can coordinate with them and get aid to the civilians who need it," said David.

David said while he was in Kosovo he saw many situations which were similar to the NTC scenarios.

"In Kosovo I saw children playing with unexploded ordnance and wells poisoned as well as people who were run out of their homes and new families moved in," said David. In many situations, the matters are investigated and turned over to the proper

authorities, such as in the case of the evicted family. For the Civil Affairs soldiers working in the community, it is not just about the task force being successful, but helping members of other countries.

"My goal is that I can leave the country I've deployed to better than I found it," said David.



Mojavian physically harass soldiers outside the gates in a simulated protest held last week at the National Training Center. The 1st Brigade Combat Team was challenged on the proper way to handle the protest as it turned violent.

Civilians receive first hand look at NTC

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Civilan members of the Fort Riley community and its surrounding ities visited the National Trainng Center, March 17-19, as part of Operation Desert Partner.

"Desert Partner is an opportuity for Fort Riley to invite our ommunity to come to NTC to see oldiers train and experience what ic Affairs Officer.

vere Ed Klimek, Manhattan City

Riley, Ron Bramlage, chief executive officer of Bramlage Investments and Harry Hardy, chief of the civil law division, Fort Riley.

While at NTC, the group got the Army experience of wearing Army issued uniforms, roaming the Mojave Desert in the back of a Humvee and watching soldiers train in simulated battles against each other.

"We saw some amazing training," said Bramlage. "It was an soldiers goes through," said amazing display of power. I have daj. Todd Livick, Fort Riley Pubagi a greater respect for the soldiers. It was a valuable opportunity and The civilians that participated I'm glad I had it."

"I've been working at Fort nayor, Gary Becker, director of Riley a while and it's not until you

information management, Fort come out here and see the soldiers of the dimensions of what's going training that you understand what on here and having the general

smoke, the blasts."

"To me this is what the Army is all about," said Klimek. "I wish more people could see this. It's really something special."

Each participant had a favorite part of the day.

Climbing inside the tank was Becker's favorite. "It's 70 tons, \$4.6 million and there's no room to breathe! You have to be a very well-trained soldier to operate it in combat."

Klimek enjoyed "getting a hold

"I thought it was extremely overwhelming," said Becker. "It was happening all around us—the

"I enjoyed the whole thing," said Hardy. "Seeing soldiers doing what they do."

"It was nice to be behind the scenes," said Bramlage. "I enjoyed the whole day: the heavy equipment, the air support, everybody moving together, the force on force action.'

Transportation for the group was an open top Humvee. The day was cold and extremely

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SFC Dan Picaro, a chaplain assistant observer/controller from NTC, briefs 1st BCT chaplains and chaplain assistants prior to deploying to "the Box."

New program unveiled

Secretary of Army announces regions for transformation of post management

vide March 19.

oversee installation management.

"Our intent is to streamline headquarters, create more agile and responsive staffs, reduce layers of review and approval and allow commanders to focus Ga. on their mission," White said, speaking

director and staff for their respective region:

Northeast: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va. Southeast: Fort McPherson, Atlanta,

Northwest: Rock Island Arsenal, Rock

After extensive analysis, these locations were selected in order to minimize turbulence on the civilian workforce and take advantage of facilities and skilled personnel available in the Major Army Command elements stationed at these

regional directorates will oversee the services provided on installations that support day-to-day operations and wellbeing. Fort Riley falls in the Northwest

Regionalization of these services will

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White announced the next phase in the Army's concept to create a more efficient and effective corporate management tructure for Army installations world-

Nuclear Biological Chemical Training at NTC may save lives later

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, CA - While at he National Training Centers oldiers undergo many training exercises. One such exercise is of simulated Nuclear, Biological nd Chemical attack.

"This type of training is very mportant," said Spec. Anthony Cora, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical noncommissioned offier, Headquarters and Headquarers Company, 1st Brigade Comoat Team. "Especially with what s going on in the world, we have o be chemically ready.

nt Mission Orientated Protecive Posture suit levels.

gloves and a protective mask. soldiers carry the jacket, pants, oots and gloves in a sack on heir back and the mask in a carying case strapped to their leg.

The suit is worn over the reguar uniform. There are five differnt MOPP levels that require a as such. oldier to wear different pieces of

the suit.

"MOPP level zero is the suit is carried by the soldier," explained Spec. Orlando Torres, crane operator, 568th Engineer Compa-

ny, 541st Maintenance Battalion. "MOPP level one, soldiers MOPP level two, the boots are added. At level three, the mask and at level four, the gloves."

Soldiers woke up at MOPP level zero the morning of the training.

"We went to MOPP one at 1 p.m.," said Torres. "Then to MOPP level two and then to MOPP level four at 7 p.m."

As the day went on, soldiers The exercise lasted an entire lay, progressing through differduties like the cooks for HHC, 1st BCT.

The MOPP suit consists of a on the burners," said Spec. Quaracket, pants, rubber boots and trice Humes. "We have the heat from outside, the burners in the kitchen and we have the MOPP suits on."

At 7 p.m. alarms sounded to alert everyone NTC was "under attack". No chemicals were actually used but everyone responded

Everyone stopped what they

the protective masks and gloves.

By this time soldiers were finding it very uncomfortable to continue.

"I feel like I'm about to pass out," said PFC Kevin Bell, armawear the jacket and pants. At ment repair, Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion. can't take much more of this. I'm kind of feeling claustrophobic."

"It is really hard to breath with it," said PFC LaTorya Mann, cook, HHC, 1st BCT. "The biggest problem is how hot it gets.

"It's hard to communicate," said Spec. Laressa Daugherty Overall though the soldiers

feel the training is worth it and understand its importance.
"It is uncomfortable," said

"It's really hot while working Pvt. Edward Pelle, chemical operations specialist, 172nd Chemical, "but at this level of protection you have to deal with

"You heave to be ready," said Pvt. Michael Cardoso, chemical operations specialist, 172nd Chemical, "because you never know. If this was a real attack, you could be dead."

"It's important to stay alive,"

were doing and hurriedly put on said Spec. Anthony Roberts, the protective masks and gloves. small arms repair, Company B 101st FSB. "Or at least surviving combat."

Another part of the exercise was to learn how to detect what chemicals were being used in the attack.

"First, we used the 256 kit to determine what kinds of agents were used," said Cora. "Then we did the unmasking procedure."

The unmasking procedure involves a soldier taking his mask off for five minutes, exposing himself to the atmosphere the putting the mask back for ten minutes as the other soldiers observe how he reacts.

"We then performed another 256 kit and sent the information to the chain of command,' explained Cora.

The NBC NCO was pleased with the exercise. "The training went well," he said. Others agreed.

"The exercise went fairly well," said Spec. James Laughlin, equipment operator, 568th Eng. Co., "Because of the training, we will know exactly what to do Even down to the lowest private.'



Harry Hardy (top) and Gary Becker, participants in Operation Desert Partner, get a close look at an MIAI Abrams Tank while at the NTC. The two civilians spent three days with the 1st BCT.

Partner

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vindy, not making it the most deal environment to be in.

"It was my first time in a Jumvee. The Humvee is very omfortable," said Bramlage jok-

"The 60 mile per hour winds nade it different, but I can't comblain. I'm only out here one day. The soldiers are out here all the ime," he added.

On the last day of the program, he group stopped by a kind of andmark at NTC. Right outside he gate are hundreds of rocks painted with the different symbols of the units that have trained at the VTC. As the gentlemen were takng personal photographs of themelves, they requested that the sol-

liers get in the pictures with them. The Operation Desert Partner rogram is supposed to help bring ort Riley and it's surrounding ommunity closer together. Mision completed.

NCO Ball planned May 23

The Fort Riley Noncommissioned Officers' Annual Ball is scheduled to be held May 23 at 6 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. Event organizers are expecting approximately 350 NCOs and spouses to attend.

Several activitie featured during the ball including the guest speaker, CSM Dwight J. Brown, command sergeant major of Head-quarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Also featured will be a skit depicting the evolution of the NĈO Corps rank structure from the Revolutionary War to the present. Members of the Fort Riley Honor Guard will be wearing Civil War uniforms complete with sabers.

The ball is open to all Fort Riley NCOs, from corporal to command sergeant major. Tickets are expected to be available soon, and may be purchased by contacting senior NCOs in the brigades or tenants.

Anyone needing more information on the ball, may contact G-3, at 239-6042.

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The future of long distance is

Devil Brigade heads into battle

Equipment, soldiers checked, double checked before exercise

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - The full out of Mojavia March 9 in prepaation for their first National tained," said Middleton. Fraining Center battle.

In the days leading up to their leparture, soldiers loaded their rehicles and made the final hecks to ensure that their mission s a successful one.

We made sure that everything vas combat ready so that we will ne able to conduct maneuver operations," said SSgt. Richard Overby, Company A, 1st Engineer 3attalion.

He said they loaded their Misile Line Charge trailers and perormed maintenance on their ACE o they would be ready to fight.

"It was a lot of hard work and ook a lot of preparation because very piece of our equipment is nission essential," said Overby.

"Our main priority here has een maintenance," said 1st Lt. Seth Middleton, platoon leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th

equipment to ensure everything is in top condition.

"The desert is a harsh environury of the Devil Brigade rolled ment and we have to make sure eliminate problems in the field. things are clean and well main-

> In addition to maintenance. many crews drew equipment and worked security at many of the gates around NTC's Rotational Unit Bivouac Area known as the Dust Bowl.

In the hours leading to the ride into battle, NCOs and officers made their pre-combat inspections to ensure that everyone has the tools they need to be success-

"Our platoon leader came through and made sure we were in the proper uniform, had water in our canteens and our 'snivel' gear packed as well as all of our equipment," said Spec. Richard Smith, Troop D, 4th Cavalry.
Supervisors checked not only

personal gear, but each piece of equipment down to basic communications.

"Without effective communications, the commanding officer Middleton.

Middleton said they have won't know what each unit's sta-replaced track pads and other tus is and can't provide support to tus is and can't provide support to the units that need it," said Mid-

All of the inspections help

"We travel a lot of miles out here and if our driver didn't top off the tanks before we left and we run out of gas, it can be the downfall of the mission," said Smith.

One of the final checks

involved bore sighting weaponry, ensuring what crews see through their sights hits targets down-

"If you can't hit, no matter how much training you have, you can't be effective," said Middleton. "And if you can't hit anything out there, you're worthless.

The soldiers departed the Dust Bowl looking to perform well against the Opposition Force.

"I'm hoping to go out and keep the peace and beat the OPFOR," said PFC Robert Horton, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

"It is pretty exhilarating rolling through the desert with your platoon, firing at the enemy and accomplishing the mission," said



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Sgt. Paul Wendell, Spec. Chris Benett and PFC Sammy Nena, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery prepare the unit's map overlay.

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Some devices, insignia approved for wear

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army gave approval earlier this month o allow soldiers who are actively nvolved in operations Enduring reedom and Noble Eagle to wear ertain insignia and medal levices.

Any reserve component soldier vho is involuntarily mobilized in upport of operations Noble Eagle nd Enduring Freedom is eligible o receive the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, ccording to the Total Army Peronnel Command.

Volunteers are also eligible for he award, officials said, but their orders should cite that duty is in upport of the war-on-terror opertions.

Also the sleeve insignia for forner wartime service and overseas ervice bars have been approved or wear by soldiers who have een assigned to units that have

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participated in ground operations which they were exposed to the during Operation Enduring Freedom, according to PERSCOM. which they were exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly.

In the next revision to the Army Regulation 670-1 it will state that soldiers have to meet the following criteria to wear the sleeve unit insignia:

The soldier must have been assigned to a unit that has actively participated in or been in direct support of ground combat operations against hostile forces during Operation Enduring Freedom, in

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Also the soldier must be deployed within the Central Command Operations and fall under the command of the commander in chief, CENTCOM, in order qualify to wear sleeve unit

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Briefs

The Shoppe offers crafts

The Shoppe is full of Spring nventory. The many crafters displaying their works in The Shoppe have been busy making iew items. The Shoppe continues o carry antiques, watercolors of lifferent scenes at Fort Riley, lots of Americana, hand made pottery, vreaths, and numerous wood rafting items. The Shoppe is ocated in Bldg 259, on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 .m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 785-239-2783 for more nformation..

Outdoor Rec Open House

The 3rd Annual Fort Riley Outloor Recreation Open House is cheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20. The Open House will eature equipment exhibits, area rendor displays and information bout fishing and hunting at Fort Riley and in the region. The Outloor Recreation Center, located at 011, Rifle Range Road, Camp Forsyth.

Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering veekly music theme nights.

Dance music Friday nights will ransition to the Latin Night fornat beginning at 11 p.m. Dance nusic Saturday nights will transiion to the urban and hip-hop Late Night with Monroe" show Iso beginning at 11 p.m.

Vehicle Auction

The Directorate of Community Activities Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will conduct ts next Abandoned Vehicle Aucion on Saturday, March 30, from 0 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location for the uction will be Camp Funston near the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) 3ldg. 1950 L Street. Vehicles vith trailers should enter the Camp Funston area at the 12th Street entrance off K-18. It is expected some 150 vehicles will be up for auction. A public view-

Easter Brunch

Riley's Conference Center will iost an Easter Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, March 31. The runch will feature a wide variety of breakfast and lunch selections. Prices are \$12.95 for adults, 311.45 for retirees and seniors, 37.95 for children six to 12 years old and free for children under ix. Reservations can be made by alling 784-5999.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fort Riley will host its 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 31 on the grounds of Riley's Conference Center, Seitz nd Huebner Drive, Main Post.

at 1 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt features four age categories including children under two years old; two and three year old children; four and five year olds; and six, seven and eight year olds.

Some 4,000 Easter eggs will be hidden in the rear area of Riley's in the four designated age group areas. There will also be special

prize eggs.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities (DCA) Recreation Adventures for Tomorrow (R.A.F.T.) team and the AAFES Burger King Restaurant.

Recognition announced

The annual Fort Riley Volunteer Recognition Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, April 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Riley's Conference Center. The ceremony will kickoff Volunteer Recognition Week April 22-26.

CAC Meeting

The next Fort Riley Community Action Council meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, at Riley's Conference Center.

Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use ICE to provide feedback on a wide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November, 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educational, training, housing, guest lodging, shopping, military finance, dining facilities, information management, facility mainte-nance, logistical and personnel support services. There are currently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continuing to add new areas for your feedback on a regular basis. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services throughout the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage (www.riley.army.mil) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at http:ice.disa.mil and clicking on ng of the vehicles is scheduled Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed darch 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 3 from ANY computer with internet access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers for two joint Catholic and Protestant morning sessions: June 17-21 and June 24-28.

We need both adult and student volunteers (middle school or older). Contact Jackie at 784-8210 if interested."

Consignments accepted

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is Riley's Conference Center, Seitz and Huebner Drive, Main Post. The popular event gets underway currently accepting spring clothing consignments. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, Wednes-

days, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m. -

The shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables

Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves. Child care reimbursement is available.

Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop email address is thrift@ozonline.net, for customer questions or concerns.

Moms Club announced

MOMS Club of East Manhattan is a non-profit club designed for stay-at-home

moms (or dads). It provides moms with an opportunity to interact with one

another while their children participate in various daytime activities all

month. Most events are for moms and their children to participate in

together during the day, while some are especially for moms with optional

child-care available. Children are welcome at all activities. About one third of the membership consists of military wives stationed at FT Riley. A monthly

business meeting is held the 3rd Friday of each month at 0930 Christian Church (not affiliat-

ed), Manhattan. Annual dues are \$18, but try it out without obligation. For more info contact Lisa Schwarz, (785)587-8069.

Musical planned

"Bow the Knee" a dramatic musical for Easter by Chris Machen and Kimberly R. Messer will be performed by members of the Junction City Church of the

Nazarene at 7 p.m. on March 29 and 30 at the Junction City High School Auditorium.

Contact the church office at 785-762-4402 for tickets or for further information.

NAF job fairs set

The NAF personnel division will sponsor job fairs at Riley's Conference Center on the following dates: August 21,

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Applications will be accepted from 9 - 9:45 a.m., for immediate vacancies in Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities. Interviews will begin at 10:15 a.m. with job offers made as selections are made.

Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

Job Fair planned

The Army Career and Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., today at the ACAP Center on main post, Bldg. 210, Room 007, Custer Ave.

There will be local, national and international employers present to talk about their various job opportunities. Come by the ACAP Center to pick up a list of the employers invited to this Job Fair and also pick up a list of the dates for future monthly Job Fairs. If you are getting out within the next six months - one year, this is the right time. Come dressed for an interview and have a resume in hand. If you have not started on a resume, come anyway and then contact the ACAP Center to start the Job Search Process. The Fort Riley ACAP Center is open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, phone 239-2278 / 2068. Don't let another ship pass you by, be in the right place at the right time!

Asian Pacific Month Program

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month on May 8, at Riley's Conference Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The theme for this year's observance is "Unity in Freedom". Please join us as we celebrate in remembrance of contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding communities. For more information, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

Commissary News

The Fort Riley Commissary will be having a Chill-Out case lot sale on

Today from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For your shopping convenience, your

commissary will be open normal shopping hours on March 31, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OCSC Spring Bazaar and Car Show

One stop shopping for fun and games, shopping and much more. The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilian' Spouses' Club is sponsoring its annual Spring Bazaar April 6 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and April 7 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marshall Army Air Field Hangar

Come out and have a great day shopping and visiting with the community. This year an added treat for all car buffs! There will also be a car show! April 6. Come out and see the Kansas Speed Way Pace Car and much more. Suggested donation for entry is one dollar for both events. Opportunity drawings held hourly. Lots of food, fun and fantastic shopping for families and singles alike. Strollers welcome, but not pets please. Open to the public. To volunteer or make inquiries about the event call Amy at 565-0228.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Fort Riley Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Outdoor Chapel March 31 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Morris Hill Chapel is the inclement weather site. Speaker for the service is Pastor Brad Dyrness from the Church of the Nazarene in Junction City. A breakfast brunch will be served after the service.

Thrift Shop News

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is currently seeking furniture consignments and has also begun accepting spring clothing consignments.

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days, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 784-3874 for more information. The Thrift Shop email address is thrift@oz-

online.net, for customer questions

or concerns.

Spring Carnival

Fort Riley Elementary School will host its Fort Riley Elementary Spring Carnival April 20 from 4-7 p.m. There will be refreshments, games, entertainment and many other activities. For ticket information call 784-

Christian Musician Needed

The Contemporary Protestant Service that meets at Normandy Chapel needs a lead guitar player for their praise and worship band. The service meets on Sundays at 11 a.m.; practices are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Paulson at 239-3436, if there is no answer, please leave a message.

Combined Scholarships

Scholarships are now available for spouses, graduating high school seniors and college students of any active duty, retired, or deceased military member from the greater Fort Riley community. Applicants must have a valid ID card and scholarships will only be awarded for undergraduate programs or vocational schooling.

Applications may be picked up at the Junction City, St. Francis Xavier, or Manhattan High School Guidance Counselor's office, Fort Riley Thrift Shop, The Shoppe, or The Soldier and Fami-

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Special Forces recruiter at Fort Riley seeking volunteers

By Christie Vanover

Staff Writer

Thousands of men and women work in undreds of career fields to be An Army of One. Soldiers of one of those fields, Special Forces, pride themselves on being the elite of the force.

"Once you come to Special Forces, ou won't ever want to go back to reguar Army," said SFC Aubrey Hawkins, Special Forces Recruiting Team. "You ctually do the missions you train for."

Hawkins and his recruiting team from Colorado visited Fort Riley this past veek looking for soldiers who fit the SF nold-soldiers who were ready to take heir Army careers to the next level.

"We need mature, self-motivated solliers," he said as he briefed three 1st Batalion, 41st Infantry soldiers Tuesday norning.

His video and slide briefing included letails on criteria, courses, military occunational specialties, myths and extra pay.

The soldiers listened intensely as they earned about the force's core missions: pecial reconnaissance, direct action, forign internal defense, unconventional varfare, combating terrorism and collatral activities.

Hawkins said that the interest in the 3reen Berets has peaked since their nvolvement in Operation Enduring Freelom. Their units are "heavily involved" n combating terrorism and training up he Northern Alliance to help overthrow he Taliban.

One soldier sitting in on the brief, Sgt.

Johnny Evans, recently completed the first phase of becoming a Green Beretthe Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS), which is also known as Sore Feet And Shoulders.'

The 24-day course tests soldiers on physical and psychological fitness, land navigation, communications, endurance and their will to succeed.

"As long as you don't show fear, you're good to go," said Hawkins.

The first three days involve inprocessing and fitness tests. The PT test is conducted as a silent count, with no confirmation as to whether the soldier passed or failed. And Hawkins warned the soldiers that they would not receive feedback throughout the entire course.

"Do 100 percent of your abilities and you won't have a problem," he said.

Soldiers must also carry a 45 pound ruck for an undisclosed distance-the instructors could demand as few as four miles or as many as 12.

Hawkins stressed that the soldier must carry 45 pounds in his ruck at all times, and that instructors will sporadically check the trainees ruck.

"Always carry more weight than less. Me and my buddy always carried 52 pounds," he said. If someone weighs your ruck and it's less than 45 pounds, they can either kick you out right then or they can make you go through the 24 days and then let you know you're out.

The next two weeks are devoted to land navigation training and testing. Hawkins said the Special Forces land navigation techniques taught during SFAS are invaluable.

"Even if you don't graduate from selection, you will be an asset to your training handbook to prepare for the unit because you will be a land nav guru," he said

Evans said this section of the course was the most challenging because of the weight he endured and the distance he traveled. "You're constantly on your feet with weight on your back.'

The last phase, prior to outprocessing, involves a 30-mile trek carrying 75-80 pounds. While completing the task in 48 hours, soldiers must carry rations for three days, communicate with headquarters and come up with their own rest, movement and meal plans.

"From the first minute to the last minute, people are quitting because they can't handle it or they have weak minds, said Hawkins. But he reassured the recruits, "If you stay in the course from day one to day 24, you have a 96 percent chance of being selected."

However, the SFAS course is just the beginning. Those selected are then required to attend PLDC, Airborne school and the Special Forces Q-Course, which entails Small Unit Tactics training, MOS training and Robin Sage. Additionally, soldiers must learn the essentials of survival, resistance and escape as well as a foreign language.

In all, Special Forces training takes one to two years, and following the training, enlisted soldiers must have 29 months retainability while officers must have 36 months.

PFC Jeffery Rogers, one of the soldiers who attended Tuesday's briefing, is leaving for SFAS in April.

strenuous course.

Hawkins recommends following the pre-training guidelines because he said it takes two things to become a Special Forces soldier, "You must be physically fit and you must be mentally fit."

Rogers believes he is prepared men-lly. "Either you have it set in your mind or you don't. You can't have doubts. My mind is not set to fail. If something goes wrong, I'm not giving up," he said.

Spec. Jeffrey Nolen, who also attended the brief, is taking his qualifying PT test this week to see if he can qualify for the SFAS course.

"You want to be able to push yourself

He has been following the SFAS PT and control your fear," he said referring to why he wants to become a Green Beret. "Once I get into it, it will be full throttle."

For more information on becoming a Green Beret, call SFC Hawkins at 719-524-1461, visit www.goarmy.com or attend one of the next briefings on Fort Riley April 22-27.

Evans is glad that he went to the briefs, talked with Hawkins and got into the program. "You want to be able to do your job, defend your country and where aid is needed, give it," he said.

"It helps you to enjoy your job because you get to do things normal soldiers don't get to do, but you have to remember you're being trained to do a job," he added.



More Briefs

y Support Center or applications an be downloaded from our webwww.ftrileyscholar.com Scholarships will be awarded in

Application deadline is April 5. 2002. For questions, call Dee Hayhurst at (785) 587-1933.

Officials Needed

The Fort Riley Sports Office is ooking for officials for the sports of Soccer and Volleyball. Anyone nterested in officiating either of hese sports should contact Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

AFTB Classes

Upcoming Army Family Team Building Classes are: Wednesday tt 6:30 p.m., at Bldg. 7264. These

civilian workers.

Call to register ahead of time so that there are enough materials/handouts prepared. For class topics, registration and information call Becky Willis at 239-

Club Beyond

Club Beyond and Club Beyond JV are designed for high school and middle school youth, respectively. These meetings include a Christian devotional and the three "F's" of youth ministry: food, fun and friends. Club Beyond meets Sunday nights and ČBJV meets Friday nights. Both clubs meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. The mission of Club Beyond

classes are open to all soldiers, and CBJV is to develop meaningfamily members, retirees and ful relationships with military dependent youth, to lead youth into relationships with Christians and with Christ, to help youth grow in Christian faith and to involve youth in Christian ser-

High School and Middle School students are invited to join in cleaning up the wetland wildlife habitat in Junction City near Walmart April 27, for its dedication. For more information, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 238-4436 or dericson@nqks.com. You can check out Club Beyond on the web at www.nqks.com/clubbeyond.

Child Safety

Child car seat inspections are available through Irwin Army Community Hospital's (IACH) Community Health Nursing. Assistance with correct placement and positioning of your child's car seat and information are part of the inspection. Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee.

Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car

seat inspection please call Com- military, and DoD civilians may munity Health Nursing, at 239-

Tobacco Cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. or Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain.

Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired participate in the tobacco cessation program.

For more information contact Community Health Nursing at 239-7323

Cancer Support

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is set for April 3, at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic.

Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend.

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Severe weather

Knowing what to do -- half the battle

bout weather warnings such as hunderstorms/lighting, heat ndex information and tornados

Center (FROC) receives a weathr warning/watch alert from the National Weather Center or the Air Force weather forecasters that pertains to the local area, they will listribute this warning/watch to he Fort Riley community.

The method most used for hese weather warnings is email and the on-post TV, Channel 2. For weather warnings, the emergency siren will be sounded, a oice over-ride will happen to all thannels for the on-post TV and he Military Police patrol vehicles vill sound the alarm with loudpeakers.

Remember there's a difference between the weather warning and he watch. The weather watch nforms us that conditions are avorable for severe storms and he weather warning means that he severe storm has been sighted n the Fort Riley area or is headed n our direction. In general, durng the Kansas spring and summer nonths, Fort Riley will experince strong winds and severe ightning that is associated with hunderstorms, tornadoes and high heat index conditions.

vith lighting the best thing to do s to stay indoors; don't venture out unless absolutely necessary; lon't use the telephone; and inplug your TV from the cable outlet or conventional antenna.

back on to avoid damage from a

Increase vour awareness. watch for high winds or hail, an save lives. monitor your radio, and use When the Fort Riley Operation extreme caution. The most common military activities that result in lighting strikes to soldiers are using field phones, electrical to occur. Heat stress to the body equipment, computers, switch-may cause symptoms in a suscepboards and radios. Stop the use of these items and any refueling index is well below "safe" WBGT operations when there is lighting

five miles.

The best defense for soldiers to protect themselves from thunderstorms/lighting is to avoid high places, hilltops, isolated trees, open spaces, water, wire and the use of electrical equipment. Move to low ground until lighting stops or further instructions are issued.

During the summer months, the National Weather Service uses a "heat index" that alerts the public when combinations of heat and humidity could make hot weather hazardous. The index was primarily intended for general public use but it can be useful in evaluation of occupational exposures.

When weather conditions warrant, increased attention must be paid to the prevention of heat related illnesses and the appropriate steps taken to reduce the When there's a thunderstorm effects of heat and humidity. Heat the lighting the best thing to do stress conditions are established by using the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT). This index combines shade, air temperature, radiation, humidity and wind into a single value to be used If there is a power failure, turn as a guide for outdoor activity. off all electrical appliances and When WBGT is measured, and if witches before the power comes a hazardous heat stress condition is established, all units will be notified by the FROC. This infor-Stay in your car if you are trav- mation will be provided to the

dinate units.

Also Range Control will provide information of the heat index to units in the field. It isn't necessary for the WBGT index to be above 82 degrees for heat injury tible individual even when the categories.

The WBGT categories are listed from 1 thru 5, (1 being the least severe and 5 the most severe), and includes the WBGT index (temperature) as well as the non-acclimated and acclimated work/rest cycles. The WBGT cards can be obtained from the Fort Riley server or the Directorate of Environ-ment and Safety, building 407, main post.

During springtime and summer months tornados are most likely to occur.

The primary hazard with all tornados is wind blown debris. The best defense that we have against tornados is forewarning.

On Fort Riley, the FROC will disseminate tornado warnings to

The tornado warning will be activated only if it is determined that Fort Riley is in an area directly threatened by a tornado.

The housing areas will be notified by a continuous blast of the siren for a three-minute duration. In addition to the sirens, military police cars will drive through the housing areas, with emergency lights activated, announcing over the vehicle's public address system that a tornado warning is in

When the siren begins, safe shelters must be occupied imme-

What you know and learn tires insulate the car from being who will further disseminate the striking the area has not beaut weather warnings such as grounded. who will further disseminate the striking the area has not heat index categories to the subordecreased. All personnel must remain in a safe shelter until the all clear is announced by the post FROC through the FROC ring down circuits, FM radio net, voice override on the on-post TV, channel 2 and voice announcements from the military police over vehicle loudspeakers.

No one will depart any sheltered area until the all clear has sounded, no matter what any commercial radio or TV station has announced.

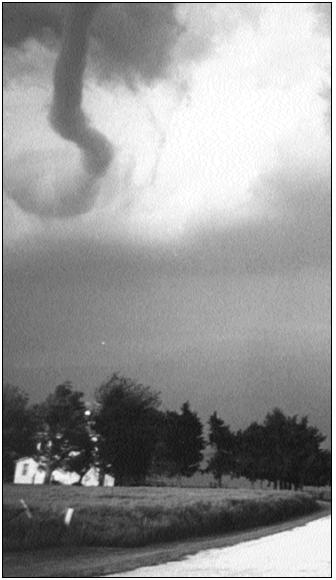
Tune your TV to the on-post TV, channel 2. Tune your radio to one of the following stations for information: Junction City KJCK (AM) 1420, KJCK (FM) 94.5. Manhattan KMAN (AM) 1350, KMKF (FM) 101.5 or KQLA (FM) 104.0. Plan accordingly; avoid driving when there are tor-nado watches and especially warnings

If the tornado is too close, or you can't see a clear path to safety, look for a sturdy building likely to have an interior room (not a grocery store or anything with a high supported ceiling).

If there are no buildings to hide in, look for a deep ditch that goes under the road, and climb inside and look for something to hang

If there are no buildings or deep ditches, look for an over-hang of any kind to crawl under. If you are in your house (on post), the best place to go for shelter is the first floor bathroom or storage

Remember to stay away from all windows in the house. Remember also, that knowledge is power and you can protect yourself against the effects of severe weather by understanding diately and vehicular traffic will the hazards and warnings associling. Automobiles offer excel-ent protection because the rubber major military headquarters and be curtailed. After the sirens have atted with thunderstorm/lighting, tenant agencies and directorates stopped, the danger of a tornado heat indexes and tornados.



A tornado looms overhead, threatening those in its path. As tornado season approaches, stay tuned to weather reports.

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Manage environmental conditions at home

Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope

Garrison Commander

providing soldiers and families vith quality living conditions. For many of us who reside in the ial to affect our quality of life. nazards of lead, asbestos, and vainted walls and ceilings that tion, or the home contain leaded paint, some have has been vacant pipes wrapped with asbestos insuation in the basements and time, flush the behind access doors for plumbing pipes for at least n bathrooms, and some even 30 seconds upon nave passive radon mitigation your return. If ystems to remove radon; a colyou have installed a filtration sysorless and odorless gas. Each of tem be sure to change the filters any pipe insulation damage

For of Public Works (DPW), Housing o ensure our risk remains low. ζey activities you can do are reglarly removing paint dust from vindow wells in historic homes, reventing children from eating laking and peeling paint, ensurng that latex paint is used when ouching up or repainting wall urfaces, not removing radon letectors from living areas, and promptly reporting broken water sipes or flooding to the Housing Service Order Desk at 784-2599.

Fort Riley tests for lead in our lrinking water in conformance

Fort Riley is a unique mix of his-orical and modern construction. is well below the allowable 15 DES at 239-8619, or the DPW, orical and modern construction. parts per billion, the state has Housing Office at 239-6936. allowed Fort Riley to be on a ustoric and older housing on the reduced monitoring program. our historic homes unless we disost, our homes have environ-nental conditions with the poten-requires sampling every three Housing occupants need to ensure years. As a housing occupant you that children are not playing Many of you have heard about the might wonder what you can do to around any wrapped pipes, that ensure your water remains top boxes are not stacked around adon. Many of our homes have quality. If you have been on vaca- wrapped pipes, and we do not

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conditions are proactively man- can contact either DPW, Housing aged and with your help we will Office at 239-6936 or the DES, for many years to come. If you 6642.

One of my highest priorities is with Kansas regulations. Because are interested in knowing more the lead found in Fort Riley's about the risks posed by lead and drinking water distribution system actions you can take contact the

> Asbestos is not a problem in hang things off

the pipes that damage the wrapping. The most important

with Directorate of Environment

The DES and DPW are workare ing to ensure that environmental about asbestos in the home, you manage our housing infrastructure Asbestos Coordinator at 239-

Radon is known to occur frequently on Fort Riley because of the geographical area in which we are located. DPW, Housing is responsible for testing for the presence of radon in all family housing units. If after testing it is determined that the radon gas is greater than 4 pCi/L, a passive mitigation system is installed to pull the radon gas out of the building.

For our newer homes an exhaust system has already been installed as part of the construction that vents any potential radon gas outside. If you are interested in knowing more about radon gas in the home, you can contact thing we can DPW, Housing Office at 239-

Fort Riley is a great place to is has a responsibility to be a according to the manufacturer's esponsible occupant and work recommendations.

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Fort Riley Open House scheduled June 1

The public-at-large is invited to tep within the boundaries of America's Army, June 1 for Fort Riley's Open House. The free vent will demonstrate what the Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citiens. Fort Riley's primary mision is to fight and win America's

Main Attractions

"Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision Exhibit

-Wear night vision goggles vhile entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map eading challenges and observaion points

Simulated Battle Engagement

-Enter the Close Combat Tactial Trainer and man an M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley weapons

-Engage in simulated battle play

Weapons Firing Course

-Fire blank ammunition at miltary targets

-Use the Army's laser engagenent system to test firing skills

Tactical vehicle, aircraft and weapons displays

-Interactive displays of military rehicles and equipment

Air Force Flyover -Combat aircraft flyovers hroughout the day

Emergency Equipment -Police response teams

-Military working dogs -Kansas Highway Patrol tions

 Bomb disposal robotics -Fire rescue

Kid's activities

- Carnival rides
- Pony rides
- -Mini-obstacle course -Camouflage face painting

Fort Riley Honor Guard

-Living history mid-1800s cavalry encampment

Demonstrations of equestrian skills and saber drills

Tours of Fort Riley's Historic District

-Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post

- -U.S. Cavalry Museum
- -Custer House
- -Ribbon cutting of the Constabulary Museum
- -Outdoor historic vehicle dis-

Expo Hall featuring a look

at... -Soldier training and readiness -Support links for soldiers and

their families -Diverse quality of life programs and activities

-Community partnership agen-

Concessions

- -Variety of food and beverages
- throughout post
 - -Fest Tent
 - Face Painting -Souvenirs

Recruiters

Reserve, -Active. Army National Guard and ROTC

-Interactive displays and attrac-

Veterans Tent

A Veterans' Tent with dis-

plays depicting WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm will be available near the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

Army Air Field. Shuttle buses will Custer Hill. continuously run from the parking area, the Expo Center and the Tac- Post to the many attractions.

Parking available at Marshall tical Trainer Center located up on

Visitors can walk historic Main



New Chief, Army Reserve announced

By Randy Pullen **ARNEWS**

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld innounced that President George V. Bush has nominated Army Reserve Maj. Gen. James R. Helmly for promotion to lieuenant general and appointment as he next chief, Army Reserve.

If confirmed by the Senate,

Helmly will succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, who has been hief of the Army Reserve since May 25, 1998. The chief, Army Reserve, is also the commanding general for the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquartered it Fort McPherson, Ga.

The chief, Army Reserve, is the rincipal advisor to the Army hief of staff on all Army Reserve natters. The USARC commandng general commands all Army Reserve units in the continental Jnited States and Puerto Rico, ess Army Reserve special operaions units.

Helmly, a Vietnam combat vetran, is currently the commanding general of the 78th Division Training Support), headquartered n Edison, N.J.

He served as the deputy chief, Army Reserve, Washington, DC, rom June 1995 to June 1999. From June 1999 to August 1999, ie served as the commander of he joint task force conducting Operation Provide Refuge at Fort

Dix, N.J. Until taking command of the 78th Division in May 2001, he was the military assistant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC, from October 1999 to May 2001.

In his civilian occupation, he is the assistant deputy chief of staff for Operations at the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria,

He has had numerous command and staff assignments in his more than 36 years of active and Army Reserve service. A native of Savannah, Ga., Helmly entered the Army as an enlisted soldier in 1966 and received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1967.

He served on active duty from 1966 to 1973 in a variety of company- and battalion-level assignments, to include two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and command of an infantry company in Panama.

As a reservist, Helmly has held logistics and operations positions in the 87th Maneuver Area Command and the 81st Army Reserve Command. He commanded the 352nd Maintenance Battalion in Macon, Ga., and the 449th Area Support Group in Forest Park, Ga. He was also deputy chief of staff for Training and deputy chief of staff for Personnel of the 81st ARCOM.

His military education includes Reserve, in 1995, Helmly served the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from the State University of New York in Albany.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Prior to coming on active duty as the deputy chief, Army

in his civilian occupation as a supervisory program analyst at Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga. He has twice been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

The Army Reserve, which celebrates its 94th birthday April 23, is the Army's federal reserve. Its two major elements are a Selected Reserve of some 205,000 soldiers and the Individual Ready Reserve of about 143,000.

Since the terrorist attacks on America, some 444 Army Reserve units and almost 15,000 Army Reserve soldiers have been called up to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. They serve alongside their active Army and Army National Guard partners, both at home and

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E-mail addresses — new addition to NCO-ER

By Marcia Triggs ARNEWS

WASHINGTON — Soldiers vill be required to add one more hing to their noncommissioned officer-evaluation report in an ttempt to cut back on the need to eturn reports with date discrepan-

Army Knowledge Online enail addresses for the rated NCO report on file. nd the rating officials will now e required on all active-duty VCO-ERs beginning with an end late of March 2002. However, vill not be returned due to missng e-mail addresses, said Sgt. Maj. Ray Everette, NCO-ER poliy manager, Total Army Person- file, Everette said.

cessing is not the month after the "end date" of the last report on file. Which usually means that major have sent rave feedbacks to there is a report missing from the file. Everette said.

By adding the AKO e-mail addresses EREC officials will be able to directly contact the rated NCO and his rating officials to inform that there is a discrepancy based on the end date of the last

In the past, the reports were returned to the soldier's Personnel Support Battalion. Now the report will be accepted for processing, eports that have been completed and the rated NCO will have up to 60 days to resolve it, or the gap will be declared as non-rated time on the official military personnel

The requirement was done to top the return of NCO-ERs that "Receiving NCO-ERs with gaps is a major problem," Everette said. "One day there have gaps in the reporting period, were 50 reports that had gaps, and Everette said. Gaps are when the from date" on the NCO-ER they all needed to be returned to PSBs for resolution. If we continbeing sent to the Enlisted Records ue to return the reports, the soldier nd Evaluation Center for pro- will have two reports instead of between addresses and the follow-

PERSCOM for the new initiative. said PERSCOM Command Sgt. Maj. William Hoffer.

"Being able to directly contact individuals helps expedite the resolution process," Hoffer said. "This is just one of many automated personnel improvements the Army is making and there are more to come."

The e-mail address for the rated NCO will be placed four spaces after his name on the top back side of the report on page two. The AKO e-mail address up to the @ sign is the only portion to be entered on the report, for example, BUNNY, BUGGS P. buggs.bunny@, is how the address should read.

The e-mail addresses for all three rating officials will be entered on the last line of Part IIId, Areas of Special Interest. Only one space is necessary

There will be no exceptions to policy on where the rating officials will place their e-mail full address should be given. address, Everette said.

However, provisions were made for the rating officials who don't have AKO addresses, he added.

"There is not an option to place the e-mail addresses in any other blocks than the one authorized," Everette said.

"Raters may use only the first two lines for areas of special emphasis.

If there are multiple items to

list, the rater must decide which ones are the most significant to add on the report." The idea behind adding the AKO e-mail address wasn't to ensure that all NCOs had accounts as directed, Everette said.

The route was chosen since it was a requirement that should have been met by now, he said.

ing abbreviations and punctuation should be used: rater:, S/R: for senior rater and Rev: for reviewer. However, rating officials that don't have accounts for whatever reason can use either a unit or personal Internet e-mail address. Everette said. In those cases the

> Officials who promote the AKO account said this is exactly what they wanted AKO to be able to do for soldiers.

"Using their AKO email address in this way puts soldiers in the drivers' seat," said Col Robert L. Coxe, chief technology officer. Chief Information Office/G-6.

"This is just one example of what the Army meant when it said AKO was giving soldiers a single, unique -mail address that would follow them throughout their Army careers.

"I'd like every application in find themselves, they can still obtain timely, relevant information important to their careers."

The latest change to the NCO- crepancies, he added.

However, rating officials that don't have accounts for whatever are trying to take care of soldiers, Everette said.

There are numerous reasons why a soldier departs a command

without a report, Everette said. Then when he goes back to obtain it, no one in the current rating chain meets rating require-

ments to help out, he added. It's a significant problem when soldiers' files are not current when its time to promote and make school assignments, he said, based on outdated information.

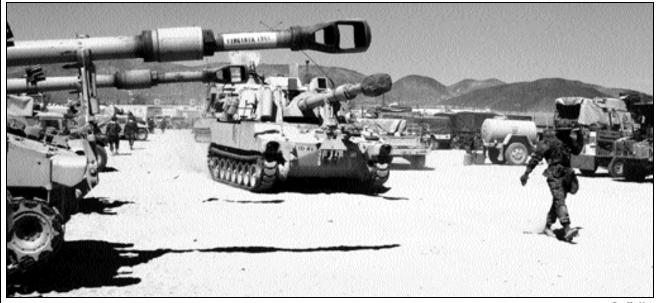
Officers will not be required to add their e-mail address to their officer evaluation report, according to Lt. Col. William Swisher, OER policy manager, Total Army Personnel Command.

Senior raters are officially responsible for the OER, and they the Army to use the AKO e-mail have always been required to subaddress, so that wherever soldiers mit their e-mail addresses, Swisher said.

Also the officer component has never returned OERs for gap dis-

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A Paladin self-propelled howitzer is led out of the staging area at the National Training Area, Fort Irwin, Calif., heading for the training area. Members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team are at the NTC for their annual training.

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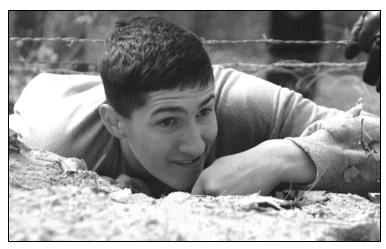
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Ross Baker, a ninth grader, crawls his way through the Low-Wire obstacle. The cadets eased their way through the obstacle and tried not to snag their clothes on the wire.



Bryan Mitchell attempts to climb up the Chain Ladder obstacle and touch the top. He and others swiftly moved to the top.



Alan Chesnutt braces the ropes while crossing the Three-Rope Bridge obstacle Wednesday. The cadets went through the course with squads and learned a few of the tricks while running through the course.



Cadet Alan Chesnutt, a ninth grader from Shawnee Heights High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Course, runs through the Run and Dodge obstacle during his trip out to he Obstacle Course Wednesday. The cadets spent a week at Fort Riley for a mini-boot camp.



Naval JROTC cadets attend mini-boot camp

By Kevin Doheny

Staff Writer

Boot Camp. It is a way to mold civilians into soldiers, Marines, airmen, or seamen. Boot camp allows come them. for a person to get adjusted into military life.

For a group of young cadets from Shawnee Heights High School's Junior Reserve Officers Course, getting adjusted was just the beginning.

to develop self-discipline and team- be a good leader," said Wilt. "We also work in our cadets," said Commander John Persyn. "We try to use an intense environment to make challenges they have to overcome to feel that sense of success they achieve when they over-

"We set this up so we could come to an Army installation and do various things," said Chief Barry Wilt, Naval Science Instructor SHHS. "We show these guys what it is the Army does during the week we are out here."

want the cadets to learn respect, military bearing along with the leadership aspects of the camp.

Wednesday, the cadets ran through

the Obstacle Course. They ran, jumped, climbed and crawled their way to the finish.

"I enjoyed the course a lot," said Cadet Chris Sholar, a ninth grader at SHHS. "It was a challenge for me, but it was fun."

For the cadets, the experience was

Ruby-throated humming birds common to Fort Riley

By Gibran Suleiman

Wildlife Biologist

A trip around Fort Riley will how that most places you go you ind hummers. Well, what about lying hummers? No, this is not ome new high tech military vehiele; I'm talking about humming sirds. Every year we receive nquiries as to whether or not we lave humming birds on Fort Riley. The answer is yes!

The ruby-throated hummingpird is the only species that is commonly seen on Fort Riley. ort Riley sits at the western edge of this bird's range. Humming-oirds are fairly difficult to spot vhen going about their normal ctivity. The ruby throated hum-

of the two sexes. It is more common that you will hear the buzz of their rapid wing beats before you even see them. They do actually have a song, but it is very faint and hard to hear. Even though I spend a lot of time outdoors doing wildlife surveys, I typically see under five hummingbirds per year while completing my field work.

spend the winter months in Central America. They will migrate back to their summer

ranges as soon as there are provide the high energy nectar for the hungry returning birds. Hummingbirds have an incredibly high metabolism. They typically eat 1.5-3.0 times their own body ningbird is only 3-4 inches long weight per day! If they go withnd weighs less than 5 grams, out food for a short period of time to spot in their natural setting vith the females being the larger out food for a short period of time to spot in their natural setting solved. There is no need to add Honeysuckle is one of the most Conservative to death. humming bird feeders are a popured food coloring to the mix since popular plants people use to 239-6211.

not be readily available they are to your home. Feeders can proable to conserve energy by slowing down their metabolic rate. ing mid to late summer, with aeri-This process is called torpor. all battles being fought frequently When a hummingbird enters a between competing birds. Comstate of torpor it's heart rate will mercial feeders can be purchased

duce almost non stop action dur-

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plenty of flowers blooming to vantage of entering this slowed ble to predation. It can take up to completely come out of a state of torpor.

slow from around 500 beats per at flower and garden stores, retail minute to just 50 beats per minute. stores and even most hardware hile completing my field work. Their body temperature can drop stores. Most feeders come with a ture every three to four days since Ruby throated hummingbirds down to 50 degrees. One disad-sugar mix ready to use. When the sugar will ferment in the heat can brew up your own quite easistate is that they become vulnera- ly. To make your own mix you

will add 1/4 cup of sugar to 1 cup an hour for a hummingbird to of water. It is important to follow the 1:4 ratio. You first heat the water to a boil and then add the Since hummingbirds are hard sugar. Stir until the sugar has disout food for a short period of time to spot in their natural setting solved. There is no need to add Honeysuckle is one of the most Conservation Division at (785)

yellow plastic parts. It is thought that red food coloring could even be harmful to hummingbirds. The mixture can be stored in a clean bottle or container and kept in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. It is important to keep your feeders clean and to change the mixthat of the summer. Hummingbirds r u n s also eat small insects and spiders. o u t One popular way to attract insects y o u for hummingbirds to eat is to hang a mesh bag and put banana peels and part of a peach in it. This will attract plenty of fruit flies for the hummers to pick off.

yard into a hummingbird haven is mingbirds or other outdoor related to plant certain species of plants. questions, please call the DES

During times when food might lar way to draw in hummers close most feeders have bright red and attract hummers. Having several types of hummingbird friendly plants is the best way to attract them and also different types of butterflies. Some types of plants that work well are: azaleas, butterfly bush, columbine, beard tongue, and petunias

A hummingbird feeder is a very inexpensive way to make the area surrounding your house more attractive to wildlife. Hummingbirds are very entertaining to watch and are relatively unafraid of humans. By planting hummingbird friendly plants not only will you be doing the birds a favor, they will also add to the look of your yard. If you have Another way to turn your back- any further questions about hum-

Fort Riley plans annual races to highlight Earth Day, environmental issues

By Carin Richardson

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On April 20, 1970, more than 20 milion Americans celebrated the first Earth Day. Over thirty years later, 300 million people worldwide are expected to celeorate Earth Day. Earth Day has become in international event demonstrating conern and mobilizing support for the envionment. Earth Day is the annual call for public attention towards environmental tewardship.

The Directorate of Environment and Safety as Fort Riley's lead environmental organization holds an annual Earth Day

surrounding communities. The Fifth Annual Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stampede will be held April 20, in conjunction with the Third Annual Outdoor Recreation Open House. The events include a 5K, 20 pound Rucksack Unit Challenge Race, a 10K Race, a 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally, and a 5-Mile Volksmarch.

All the events will begin at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011, except the Volksmarch, which will begin at Sports U.S.A., Bldg. 2600.

The 5K, 20 pound Rucksack Unit Challenge Race is open to one five-per- pre-registration period, additional T-

event called Ol' Bill's Earth Day Stam- son team from the same battalion or seppede for soldiers, their families and the arate company. The rucksack race begins at 8 a.m., so arrive one hour early to register and pick up your 20 pound bag of

> The 10K Race is open to all runners, limited to a maximum of 300 runners. Awards will be presented to all first-, second-, and third-place male and female runners in the following age groups: 17 and under, 18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, and 56 and above. The 10K Race will begin at 8:30 a.m., arrive one hour early to register. Pre-registration fees for the 10K Race (through April 15) are \$12, which includes a free T-shirt. During the

shirts (\$12) and commemorative mugs (\$12.50) can be ordered. After April 15, the registration fee, additional T-shirts, and commemorative mugs will be \$15

The 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally is open to all ages. Prizes will be presented to the top three individuals who have the best decorated bikes. All bike decorations should support the Earth Day Theme: "Protecting Our Freedom...Preserving the Environment." This event is not considered a race, but a family event. The bike rally begins at 11 a.m.

The 5-Mile Volksmarch is open to all walkers. During the 5-Mile Volksmarch, walkers can play the Earth Day Trivia or 239-2172.

Quiz. A brochure listing questions about Earth Day and environmental issues will be given to each participant at the start of the walk. The answers to the quiz will be found on signs located along the route. Participants who answer all the questions correctly and complete the 5-mile walk will receive giveaways. The 5-Mile Volksmarch will be open from 1200 -1500.

Pre-registration (through April 15) for the 5K, 20 lb. Rucksack Unit Challenge Race; the 2-Mile Adults and Kids Bike Rally; and the 5-Mile Volksmarch is suggested, but not required.

For more information, call 239-6493

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Retired Army NCO and Department of the Army Civilian Mike Cardella ran in the St. Patrick's Day Two-Mile Road Race and placed first in his age group with a time of 18:03.



James Eakins, a DĂ DA civilian at IACH, displayed his colors.

St. Patrick's Day

Local parade promotes patriotism

Aggieville Saturday morning as hun- every entry in the parade. dreds of spectators watched the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Kids especially seemed thrilled with were everywhere. the parade, not because of any particu- Kids waved American flags as each

Green hats, green hair and green parade exists, but for the candy that was parade displayed their own flags and painted faces lined Moro Street in thrown from each float, car and almost even some in the crowd wore their

But it wasn't just a day for the green.

lar deep meaning for the reason the entry passed. Some entries in the can," said Eakins.

flags with pride.

James Eakins, a Department of the The sounds and sights of patriotism Army civilian at Irwin Army Community Hospital was one.

"It's just a good day to be an Ameri-



Leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday was the Fort Riley Color Guard from HHC, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, The Fort Riley Honor Guard and a Humvee provided by the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor.

Information, Ticketing and

Information, Ticketing & Regstration is located in the Leisure Fravel Center, Bldg. 6918 (across rom the PX) and has current nformation and tickets to surounding area attractions, dinner heater, concerts, stage producions and movie theatres. Before naking vacation plans, check out he maps and travel brochures rom across the U.S. ITR also ssists in group travel plans.

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VISA and AE. Prices are subject to change.

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an evening show at matinee ticket Golf & Ski Ranch and Vail. Discounted military lift tickets are now available.

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The 40 hours of training included lectures, video presentations, class discussions and tests. Seventeen Army managers earned their CLIA certification as accredited cruise counselors, which will allow them to sell cruises to members of their military communities from their Information, Ticketing and Reservation offices.

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Self-respect secret of success for 24th Inf. Div. soldier



Cpl. Felicia Walker

By Karen E. Hinkle

K-State Intern

Females in the military can ace many difficulties, but Cpl. Felicia Walker, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), doesn't let anyhing get in her way.

Walker grew up in a mediumsize family from Phoenix, Ariz., with a long-standing military history. Since her great-great-grandfather first joined the Marines, at least one family member per generation has followed in his footsteps and joined the military

In terms of Walker's immediate family, she is the only one of her siblings and cousins to enter the service, and she surprised her family by becoming their first female military member.

"I guess I was always such a bookworm," Walker said. "It was a big shock for everyone."

Aside from family tradition, Walker joined the Army for several reasons, including opportunities to attend college, travel overseas, receive on-the-job training and serve her country. She also wanted to find some life direction.

Walker's first assignment was Germany, where she took every chance she had to travel. She also met her husband there. She said she finds being married to another service member rewarding, but tages as well.

"I know what it's like (for him) because I can put myself in his shoes," Walker said. "I've been there myself."

But she's also had to spend

she admits it has some disadvan- lot of heated discussions. He has contribute," she said. come to understand that I am a

> Walker said she thinks that they do not have a place in the



some time convincing her husband that her role in the Army isn't any different just because she's female.

"My husband and I have had a

However, she also said that because more women are now in the military, it is becoming easier for women to be in the service.

"We (women) have a lot to

Walker's contributions fall soldier as much as he is," she said. mainly in the role of the post sergeant major's administrative many military women feel like assistant, filtering problems and arranging his schedule.

Her office serves as the liaison between enlisted and civilian soldiers, and she often works with high-ranking officers. Her position requires her to work with all kinds of different people and personalities.

"This office would not survive without her," said CSM Richard E. Hearron, command sergeant major, 24th Inf. Div. (M) and Fort Riley.

As part of her administrative duties, Walker's office also oversees the Sgt. Audie Murphy and Installation NCO and Soldier of the Quarter boards in addition to

day-to-day office functions.
"You can always count on Cpl. Walker to accomplish the mission," said Jeannie Noss, secretary for Brig. Gen. David Gross in the Office of the Assistant Divi-

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sion Commander (Maneuver). Walker said her success comes down to self-respect: have pride in yourself, in the work that you do and in the job that you do. It also helps Walker to remember the freedoms and rights she fights to protect.

Once Walker finishes her time in the military, she would like to open a catering business.

She is currently working on a restaurant and hotel management degree.

Walker would also eventually like to start her own family. Unfortunately for Hearron, that means Walker will leave Fort Riley in the future.

"If and when she does leave, there will be some very big shoes to fill," Hearron said. "I do not look forward to that day."

Editor's Note: This month, the Fort Riley Post will highlight female soldiers recommended by

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Breast-feeding classes

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Breast-feeding classes on the third Tuesday of each month. A dietician will address the nutritional requirements for breast-feeding moms and a Breast-feeding Educator will talk about the advantages of breast-feeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Breast-feeding techniques, troubleshooting advice, and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor from 1-2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434.

Child car seat inspections

Child car seat inspections are available through Irwin Army Community Hospital's (IACH) Community Health Nursing. Assistance with correct placement and positioning of your child's car seat and information are part of the inspection. Active duty uniform service members, their families, retired military, and DoD civilians are eligible for this service. There is no fee.

Car Seat Inspection appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m.- noon. Inspections will take place in the IACH parking area. To schedule a car seat inspection please call Community Health Nursing, at 239-7323.

Diabetes Education Class

The diabetes education class will be held April 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the

Nutrition Care Division Classroom at IACH.

This is a four to five hour class that will cover diabetes types and symptoms; hyperglycemia; nutrition; exercise; glucose monitoring; oral diabetes medication; insulin therapy, and standards of medical care for diabetic patients.

To enroll in the class, patients must have a referral from their primary care manager or a community-screening program. Patients who have a referral for the class are to call the local TRI-CARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378.

New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday morning, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward 3B of Irwin Army Community Hospital.

A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the class.

Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent are welcome to attend.

Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members; fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member, and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities. The new class is not a labor and delivery class.

To schedule your attendance of the class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

Prenatal classes

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital is offering a new series of prenatal classes, "The Gift of Motherhood" on April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the third

Expectant mothers, between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend.

The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take

home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants.

For more information, call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434. To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free is 1-888-874-9378.

Fort Riley teen competes for Boy, Girls Club youth of year

of America Youth of the Year ment with the Fort Riley Teen Contest March 8, in Topeka,

Victor Arias Jr., son of SSgt. Victor and Teresa Arias, Fort Riley, was nominated to represent the Fort Riley Teen Center's Boys and Girls Club to compete for Youth of the Year.

The criteria Victor had to meet for this honor consisted of community service involvement, contributions to home and family,

A Fort Riley Teen competed for spiritual values, school involve- Counts program, Center's Boys and Girls Club and He carries a 3.3 G.P.A. as a freshlife goals. He was required to write two essays, one explaining what the Teen Center means to him and one to express why a freshman football this past fall, post-high school education is and is currently playing Junction important to him.

heavily involved in the Character four judges. This interview lasted State of Kansas Ron Thornburgh.

and mentoring at the Teen Center. man at Junction City High School, taking mostly advanced placement classes. He played

the Kansas Boys and Girls Club ment to include grades, involve- Promise Passport, Peer tutoring then he was required to give a three-minute speech at the Youth of the Year Dinner. His speech was heart warming and sincere as he explained what the Fort Riley Teen Center's Boys and Girls Club meant to him.

Victor did not win the Youth of City High School baseball. After the Year competition, but made it Victor's community service, Victor met the criteria to advance as a finalist and was presented volunteering, Teen Center involvement and church involvement were easy to see. He is volunteering, Teen control involvement and church involvement were easy to see. He is vorous interview with a panel of vorous interview with a boys and Girls Club plaque as finalist for Kansas State Youth of the Year from Secretary of



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